GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2631
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005
IRREGULARITIES IN FOODGRAIN DISTRIBUTION IN MAHARASHTRA
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of foodgrains distributed to BPL families in Maharashtra through PDS during 2004-05;

(b) whether irregularities have been detected in distribution of foodgrains in Maharashtra particularly in Gondiya and Kandara districts;

(c) if so, whether any investigation was conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof alongwith the action taken against those held responsible;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Hon` ble Supreme Court has issued any orders in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): 16,89,593 Metric Tonnes of foodgrains have been distributed to BPL families during the period from April, 2004 to December, 2004 in the State.

(b): Irregularities have been noticed in distribution of foodgrains in Gondia and Bhandara districts of the State.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The following action has been taken by the State Govt. in Gondia and Bhandara districts:-

Action	Gondia	Bhandara
F.P. Licences cancelled	11	27
FP Licences Suspended	21	21
Security Amount Forfeited	91	61
Fine imposed	67	0
Offences registered	0	8
No. of persons arrested	0	81

(e): Question does not arise.

(f) & (g): The Hon` ble Supreme Court has not issued any specific orders relating to irregularities in distribution of foodgrains in the State of Maharashtra.